

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-34 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 2, 31 and 32 being the independent claims. Claims 31-34 have been withdrawn. Claims 17, 23 and 27 have been amended; support can be found, for example, at page 5, line 12. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the remarks provided in the October 3 Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

A new paragraph has been added after the title at page 1 of the specification.

17. (once amended) A kit for carrying out the assay of claim 1 or 2, which comprises a carrier means compartmentalized in close confinement therein to receive one or more container means which comprises a first container means containing a solid support having a heavy metal cation immobilized thereon and a second container means containing a[n] polyclonal antibody specific for A $\beta$  peptide.

23. (once amended) A kit for carrying out the assay of claim 1 or 2, which comprises a carrier means compartmentalized in close confinement therein to receive one or more container means which comprises a first container means containing a solid support having a heavy metal cation immobilized thereon and a second container means containing a labelled polyclonal antibody specific for A $\beta$  peptide.

27. (once amended) A kit for carrying out the assay of claim 1 or 2, which comprises a carrier means compartmentalized in close confinement therein to receive one or more container means which comprises a first container means containing a solid support having a heavy metal cation immobilized thereon and a second container means containing a[n] polyclonal antibody specific for A $\beta$  peptide bound to a labelled anti-antibody.